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## N.Z.A.R.T. CALL SIGN BOOK, 1954

We have just received our copy of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters' "Break-In" Call Book, 1954, issue, and wish to record our appreciation of this very fine effort by the Editorial Committee of the N.Z.A.R.T.

To many readers, this publication will be just another very useful aid to Amateurs in pursuit of overseas contacts, but to those who have shared the hard work of producing the Australian Call Book, such an effort is fully appreciated and merits our congratulations to those concerned.

No doubt the Editorial Committee and other officers of the Association will confirm that the risks involved and the effort expended, was well worth while, if the Call Book proves of assistance to their fellow Amateurs in New Zealand and overseas.

In addition to a comprehensive list of N.Z. calls, covering the various districts of New Zealand, the book lists the names and addresses of non-transmitting members and also gives several useful operating hints. A list of DX C.C. countries is included and also a country prefix list, together with many interesting details of contest awards—overseas awards, etc.

Useful details of Standard Frequency Transmissions from WWV and also local Amateur Frequency Transmissions are given and also information is supplied on the working of the QSL Bureau, Amateur Frequency Allocations, Emergency Corps, Official Broadcasts, Official Observer Station Service, and Branch Secretaries' names and addresses.

The Wireless Institute of Australia has arranged to handle the sale and distribution of this Call Book and commends it to all Australian Amateurs as a valuable addition to their libraries.

It seems pertinent to us that our readers should be reminded that here again we have another instance of what can be done by a live association of Amateurs, who have concentrated their efforts through the N.Z.A.R.T. in the production of this splendid issue.

We believe that the Amateur in all countries is best served by the establishment of societies controlled by individual franchise, the fruits of whose efforts are generally seen in an improvement of Amateur Radio facilities and operating conditions such as we have outlined in this latest evidence of progress.

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# COMMAND CONVERSIONS FOR FIVE BANDS

BY J. K. HERD,\* VK3JK

BY now we are all very familiar with those popular pieces of disposals equipment known as the BC450/SCR274N/ARCS series of transmitters and receivers. It is with the transmitters that this article will deal and it is to be hoped that someone who has had experience with the receivers will describe their alteration and uses later.

Of course a great deal has been written regarding the transmitter conversions in "CQ," "QST" and other American journals, but to cull and collate the relevant details is quite a job, even if they were all available for us to peruse.

Some of the following ideas were obtained from two "CQ" articles, one by Lt. Paul H. Lee, W4RXO (May, 1952) and the other by Herb. S. Brier, W9EGQ (February, 1954).

The main frequencies we wish to cover are 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 Mc., and a separate transmitter for each of these bands can be acquired by modifying the 4 to 5.3 Mc. unit (BC457A). However for the 7 Mc. and higher frequencies, the 5.3 to 7 Mc., or preferably 7 to 9.1 Mc., entail less work.

**80 METRES** Firstly for 3.5 Mc. For this band use the BC 457A. It is desirable to rewire the filaments for 12 volt operation by putting them all in parallel. But, before we do so, it will be simpler if we take out all the unnecessary bits and pieces as our first job. Now for the screw driver and small side cutters!

Take off the top cover and bottom plate and attack the variable antenna inductance and its associated relay and supports and carefully put the inductor to one side. Then turn the unit over and examine the chassis interior carefully, noting that the only wiring needed will be that for p.a. plate, p.a. screen, osc. plate and the filaments. Take out all wires associated with the small relay in the cathode circuit and the relay itself, as also the wires that run up to the antenna relay. The method of altering the filament wiring from series (for original 24 volt supply) to parallel for the proposed 11.3 to 12 volts, is quite obvious, but we must remove the resistor in clips on the rear wall as well as the quarter watt connected between pins 2 and 8 on the magic eye (1629).

Having dealt with the filaments and redundant wiring and earthed the 1625 cathodes, proceed to remove the shield can covering the osc. coil and padder condenser, topside. With the briois spanner, release the grub screws on the locking washer attached to the shaft and drill a 3/8" hole in the can so that this shaft can be operated by a screw driver to reset the oscillator frequency.

By increasing the capacity in this condenser, the oscillator will go down to about 3.2 Mc. without further ado. The station receiver can be used for this purpose. Now unlock the grub screws on the p.a. padder condenser, so that it may be resonated with the oscillator frequency. The rotary link inside the p.a. tank coil now has one side earthed and the other can be run to the antenna terminal, or alternatively a co-axial connector can be used instead, with a piece of co-ax running therefrom to the rotary link. This is really preferable.

If it is desired to replace the original 7-pin female plug on the back drop of the chassis with a 5-pin valve socket, the original plug is removed by using a sharp screwdriver to release the turned over edge on that plug so that it can be pushed out. Then file the hole to fit the new socket and connect the wiring to it as follows:—

Group the B minus, earth and one filament wire to one pin, and on the other four solder the other filament (unearthed), p.a.h.t. plus, screen p.a. h.t. plus, and osc. h.t. plus. Having first temporarily replaced the oscillator shield can and set the padder, again remove the can and relock the grub screws on

both this and p.a. padder unit. Replace the can and its screws, the bottom plate and upper cover; it is now ready to go on 3.5 Mc.

If one wishes to plug in a grid current meter or a key, use a phone jack or a pair of insulated pin jacks placed in front of the neutralising condenser on the side wall of the chassis. One side goes to the grid leak of the 1625s and the other is earthed. By using a 90 volt battery or a fixed bias supply, blocked grid keying is the ideal method for these little units. Up to 750 volts can be used for c.w. and 600 volts for phone, without danger of flashover in condensers.

**40 METRES** In this case preferably use the 7 to 9.1 Mc. unit or the 5.3 to 7 Mc., to save extra work other than the necessary removal of surplus pieces and wiring as described above, and the re-wiring of filaments. The 5.3 to 7 Mc. unit needs only re-setting of the padders to bring it from 5.3 up to 7 Mc. as further treatment, but the 3 to 4 Mc. or 4 to 5.3 Mc. units need extra attention in either of two ways.

One is to install a 12A6 in the crystal socket and a coil in the 1629 socket, either slug or condenser tuned, for

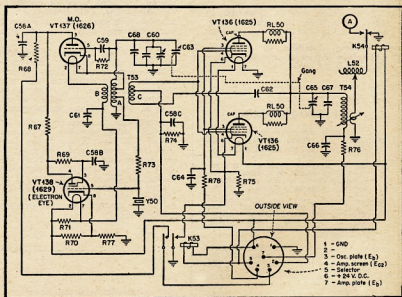


Fig. 1.—Circuit of the unmodified Command Unit. The following parts are identified:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| C58A, C58B, C58C—0.05 uF.      | C67—Power amplifier padding.    | R70—1,000 ohms.             |
| C59—0.00018 uF.                | C68—3 pF.                       | R71—150 ohms.               |
| C60—Master oscillator padding. | C69—50 pF.                      | R72, R74—15,000 ohms.       |
| C61—0.006 uF.                  | K53—Transmitter selector relay. | R73—330 ohms.               |
| C62—Fixed neutralising.        | K54—Transmitter output relay.   | R75—51 ohms.                |
| C63—Master oscillator tuning.  | L55—Antenna loading coil.       | RL50—Parasitic suppressors. |
| C64—0.002 uF.                  | R47, R72, R75—51,000 ohms.      | T53—Oscillator coils.       |
| C65—Power amplifier tuning.    | R48, R76—20 ohms.               | T61—Amplifier coils.        |
| C66—0.01 uF.                   | R69—1 megohm.                   | Y50—Crystal unit.           |

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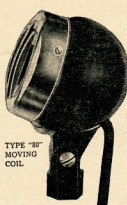


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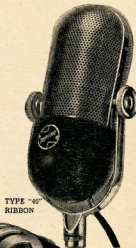
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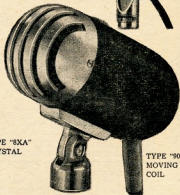


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grid coil and adjusted for 6 Ma. grid drive. This job works as far as tripler output is concerned on 6 metres, but so far the p.a. has not been finished. When it is completed and operating, it will be the subject of a separate article.

## OPTIONAL CRYSTAL CONTROL ON 80 OR 40 METRES

A plug-in adaptor (Fig. 3) is made which can be placed in the 1626 socket, and this tube is used then as the c.o. without disturbing the v.f.o. feature of the unit. V.f. control can be reverted to by removing the adaptor and replacing the 1626 when we wish to. Should we have been lucky enough to get the resonating crystals with our transmitters, we can use at least the holder and perhaps the crystal as well if it can be reground for 3.5 or 7 Mc.

With a hack saw carefully cut round the sealing can just above the base of the crystal holder and remove the can. This will disclose an excellent holder on an octal base. This can be used again if it and its crystals are considered suitable.

The adaptor is constructed as shown in Fig. 3 from scrapped aluminium. An octal plug, made from the base of an old metal tube, is fitted to the bottom of this unit and an octal socket placed so that the 1626, when inserted, lies over the space where the crystal and magic eye were situated (latter tube is used is removed for crystal operation). A suitable crystal socket is fixed to the adaptor or in a position where it will not interfere with outer top cover when latter is replaced.

If, when operating phone with the 80 and 40 metre units, frequency modulation is noticed or suspected, a buffer stage can be inserted in a fashion similar to a 12A6 doubler stage, except in this case a 2.5 mH. r.f. choke is used to replace the tuned circuit in the plate. The buffer doubler in the other conversions will prevent the oscillator from being affected in this manner.

Depending upon the input used in these transmitters, an appropriate modulator can be employed for modulation of the plates and screens of the 1625s at 255 volts.

It is suggested that the circuit shown in Fig. 4 of the power supply be employed. By this means extreme variations in screen voltage can be avoided when employing c.w. The use of a dropping resistor from the p.a. plate supply to feed the screens is not advocated for telegraphy.

## ANTENNA COUPLER

The antenna coupler here uses some of the discarded pieces from the various units. The 80 metre coil from the 3 to 5 Mc. or 4 to 5.3 Mc. units to series tune the antenna has turned removed so that the optimum antenna current for a particular frequency on 80 metres is obtained. A coil from the 5.3 to 7 Mc. or 7 to 9.1 Mc. units can be cut down and double spaced to parallel tune the coupler on 40 and 20 metres. For 15 and 10 metres air wound coils are used.

The all-band antenna here consists of a 66 feet flat top, centre fed by an open wire line 42 feet long and a suitable coupler, using disposal gear, is used.

Band changing with the units described, and the above coupler, is merely

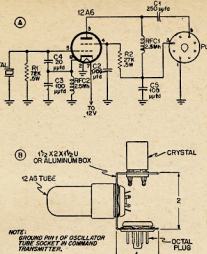


Fig. 3.—This adaptor may be used with any Command transmitter by following the instructions given in the text. A partial structural view is shown in "B" and a schematic (parts list below) is shown in "A."

- C1—250 pf. 600v. ceramic.
- C2—500 pf. 600v. ceramic.
- C3, C5—100 pf. 600v. ceramic.
- C4—20 pf. 600v. ceramic.
- R1—25,000 ohm 1/2w.
- R2—27,000 ohm 1/2w.
- RFC1, RFC2—2.5 mH. r.f. chokes.
- FL—Octal plug, male (base of metal tube).
- V1—12A6 or 1626.
- Xtal—3.5 or 7 Mc. crystal.
- Built-in U bracket base of aluminium or aluminium box approx. 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 2 inches.
- To use adaptor, ground pin 1 of 1626 tube in transmitter.

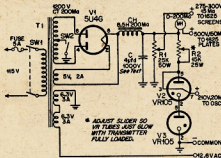


Fig. 4.—Parts list and wiring schematic of a power supply suitable for use with the Command set transmitters. Although the rectifier tube is slightly overloaded, no damage should result if the primary of the transformer is fused. The oscillator voltage must be regulated for v.f.o. operation.

- T1—Power transformer, 600-0-600v. 200 Ma., 5v. 3 amp., 6.3v. 3 amp., 6.3v. 3 amp.
- C1—500 uF, 500 V.
- C2—The most desirable filter condenser for the power supply is an oil filled, 1,000v. unit, with a capacity of 4 uF. or more. However, where economy is important, two 8 or 16 uF. electrolytic condensers connected in series may be used, with 100,000 ohm 1w. resistors across each one to equalize the voltage drops.
- R1—25,000 ohms, 50 watt, with slider.
- R2—15,000 ohms, 25 watt, with slider.
- SW1—D.P.S.T. toggle.
- SW2—S.P.S.T. toggle.
- Fuse—5 amp.

a matter of seconds and we have 100 watts available on five bands.

At this station, return to the old order of transmitters, which were in a constant state of alteration, would not be contemplated, under any consideration, apart from the tidy and simple appearance of the set-up. It is really ideal for the man with limited space for his gear.

## MULTI-BAND ANTENNA

In closing, here is an idea for a four band antenna that is worth trying. Flat top 137 feet 8 inches long, and fed with 300 ohm line, 46 feet 6 inches from one end. The line is non-resonant and gives a fairly accurate match on all four bands without accurate impedance matching with an antenna coupler.

The following is a comment by Edmund H. Marriner, W6BLZ, from "CQ" of March, 1954.

"No graphs and no theory, but an antenna that works on 80, 40, 20 and 10 metres. I have often wondered why someone doesn't publish a handbook with antenna dimensions worked out. Most of the fellows want to put up an antenna without plowing through a lot of formulae and graphs.

"Here is an antenna worked out by WSLFM so that it can be fed on 80, 40, 20 and 10 metres with the 300 ohm point for the feeder at the same place for all bands. This lends itself to the use of 300 ohm twin lead.

"On 80 metres, the half wave antenna has a high angle of radiation. This is good, as many readers are interested in 200-300 mile contacts. On 40, 20 and 10 metres the angle decreases and comes out about right for DX on each band.

"This antenna is a version of the old single wire off-centre fed Hertz. It is fed with 300 ohm twin lead. The antenna must be cut to 137 feet 8 inches long. The antenna is fed at a point 46 feet 6 inches from one end. An insulator is inserted and the 300 ohm twin lead fastened and taped with electrical plastic tape. The antenna is made 137.7 feet specially so that it falls in the middle of the ten metre band at about 28.4 Mc., which is the most critical band. It is very broad tuning on all other bands.

"There are several ways to couple the antenna into the transmitter. If a parallel tank is used, adjustment can be made by simply moving the link in and out. If a 50 or 70 ohm low-pass filter is used, it will be necessary to add a set up to match to the 300 ohm line.

"I have found that with this antenna there is less t.v.i. than when using end-fed Zepps where there is a large circulating current in the feeders.

"Near the ocean it is best to use No. 12 plastic house wire for the antenna. This solves antenna wire corrosion problems. The antenna will last much longer than when using enameled covered wires.

"Do not use rope to support the antenna or you will wake up one morning and find the twin lead wrapped around the antenna due to shrinkage of the rope. A swivel does not help very much. It is best to use wire to support the antenna and bring the wire right up to the pulley. The supporting wires should be broken every several feet with egg insulators so as not to unbalance the antenna."



# WOY WOY FIELD DAY OF THE N.S.W. DIV. W.I.A.

The value of these organised Field Days has been evident this year as possibly never before and this 1954 Field Day at Woy Woy attracted a large gathering of Amateurs, their wives and families, not forgetting the XYLS from Sydney and Newcastle for the main part; Arthur 2ZP, journeyed from Inverell, but it was found that the road traffic was not so severe as in previous years and all appeared to make fast times on the trip.

The following attended: 2ASW, 2HZ, 2VC, 2YA, 2ARF, 2LX, 2KR, 2AKR, 2ABV, 2OT, 2ZP, 2EL, 2AQO, 2XT, 2OQ, 2ASE, 2AWQ, 2ACD, 2EO, 2YC, 2ZC, 2FP, 2AAB, 2YB, 2AOJ, 2JX, 2AVK, 2AXZ, 2AOR, 2XY, 2AUH, 2FM, 2AHA, 2DG, 2ANA, 2APX, 2AMQ, 2AEF, 2AEZ, 2AJ, 2AML, 2ZW, 2ACU, 2ABU, 2ANU, 2VU, 2KG, 2PU, 2YL, 2PZ, 2YM, 2VU, 2ID, 2AZN, 2NG, 2YR, 2ZT, 2AH, 2CE, 2APC, 2EHO, 2AJZ, 2AAJ, 2AGD, 2SF, 2AET, 2AGY, 2ZAK, 2AGW, 2ACI, 2GR, 2CS, 2VVO, David Hay, Bern Taylor, Ron Rudkin, Barry Rudkin, Ces Cronin, Athol Greenhalgh, Harry Cunningham, Richard Retallick, Norm Moody, Mr. Bailey, Mr. James, Norm Burton, XYLS, YLs, and children, all making a very satisfactory gathering.

The morning session was devoted to a general ragchew and registration, when all really got to know one another and many old friends met again in person and recalled the old times and possibly some of the old timers. Jim 2YC, our President, made the Sunday morning broadcast from 2KR, who incidentally, has moved from his old location, is now the other side of the back fence.

Following lunch, the arrival of "Admiral Issacs" and his Petty Officer, 2ABO and Alf, together with Greg 2ANP and Ian 2JI, was witnessed, the group having sailed by dead reckoning and rule of Thrum into the waterside wonderland, from Port Jackson. Their departure a half hour later was in humorous vein, and was a welcome visit to the Field Day. The weather had been quite poor, high winds and high seas, but their return trip was made without event.

Children's events were organised by 2YB and 2AOJ, the 144 Mc. tx Hunt organised by 2EOQ and others were run and the ladies' competitions at the hunt were well supervised by 2YC and 2ACI. Raffles run during the day were handled by Ruth, Mrs. 2YC, and Val, Mrs. 2EL, organised the pick-the-valves competition.

Following an afternoon full of activity afternoon tea was taken by most assembled and various types of refreshment were obtainable, ice creams and drinks for the kiddies, tea for the ladies and a familiar brown fluid for the sterner sex.

The thanks of the Council go out to those who so willingly assisted to make the day a success: Bill 2HZ, Registration Officer; Ces 2KR, John 2GA, and Major 2RU, for their local organisation particularly; Mrs. Hardman, whose work in the kitchen is always a feature; Mrs. Corbin and Mrs. Bourke; Dave 2EO on

the Tx Hunt; 2AOJ and 2YB on the Sports; Rod 2ACU in the back room; 2ASW, 2AAB, assisting with the registration; and 2AWQ and 2EL on the lucky dip; 2AEZ for the tape.

The prizegiving was conducted by the President, Jim 2YC, and the following were awarded to the fortunate recipients: Ladies' Lucky Number: 1st, Mrs. Harvey (2ACI); 2nd, Mrs. Whiting (2ACD); 3rd, Mrs. Storer (2GR); 4th, Mrs. Bourke (2EL). Musical Quiz: 1st, Mrs. Boyd (2AML); 2nd, Miss Quinton (2AZN). Pushing the Penny: 1st, Mrs. Swain (2CS); 2nd, Mrs. Smith (2AEL). 144 Mc. Tx Hunt: The tx was located at Saratoga and was not found, but the prize was awarded to AET and 2VU (Singleton). All Band Scramble: Harold 2AHA. Guess the Valves: 1st, Ken 2KG; 2nd, Harold 2AHA. Morse Test: 1st, Jim 2YC; 2nd, Ken 2KG. Gents' Lucky Number: 1st, 2DG; 2nd, 2AGO. Pick the Voices: 1st, Ted 2ACD; 2nd, Mrs. Hay (2AGW).

Further lucky numbers were drawn and 60 members received prizes of valves, the President getting his number drawn only to get a cracked valve. Special prizes were drawn and were won by 2XO, 2ASE, Mrs. 2YC, 2EL and 2AZN.

## BOOK REVIEW

### RADIO CALLS OF THE WORLD

Published by the N.Z. DX Radio Association, 80 pages, Aust. price 4/9.

This is a list of 6,000 medium wave and 2,500 short wave broadcasting stations giving frequency, call sign, location and power. It is a handy little book to have around. On looking through it one finds that the short wave stations extend from 2.33 Mc. to 26.08 Mc., that YVLG is on 3.512 Mc., EQO on 3.797 Mc., a lot of stations in the 40 metre band, none in the 20 and 15 metre bands. Did you know that KCHS on 1400 Kc. is located at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico? Fascinating!

One obvious omission is the long wave broadcasting band. For completeness, I feel sure space could be found in future editions for these 17 stations lying between 155 Kc. and 281 Kc.—A.K.H.

## PHILIPS TECHNICAL REVIEW AND PHILIPS COMMUNICATION NEWS

These two journals contain much of interest to the technically minded Amateur. In them will be found descriptions of the latest advances in communications as developed in the Philips Laboratories. In the copies on hand are found articles on carrier telephone systems, the international exchange of television programmes and the methods of changing from one set of standards to another, an instrument for measuring transmission times to 0.000,001 of a second, and the new photo flux flash bulbs.

Subscriptions for these journals should be sent to Messrs. Philips Electrical Industries of Australia Pty. Ltd., Philips House, 69-73 Clarence St., Sydney.—A.K.H.

## CALL SIGNS

It has been noted with concern that there has been a growing tendency during recent months for licensees of Amateur Stations, particularly when engaged in telephony transmissions, to omit the prefix "VK" when announcing station call signs.

Such practice is, of course, not in accordance with International requirements, and contravenes the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations under which stations operate. Regulation 60 states that the licensee of an Amateur Station shall at all times transmit the full call sign allotted to the station concerned.

## DX C.C. LISTING

### PHONE

Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK4HR	- 12 178	VK4RT	- 27 124
VK3BZ	- 3 168	VK4WJ	- 17 122
VK6RU	- 2 165	VK4DO	- 29 116
VK4KS	- 2 164	VK4J	- 25 103
VK3EE	- 10 163	VK5MS	- 24 109
VK4JD	- 1 155	VK4CB	- 28 108
VK4KS	- 2 152	VK4J	- 29 108
VK6KW	- 4 150	VK3HO	- 23 103
VK3ATN	- 26 145	VK2ADT	- 13 102
VK3LN	- 11 141	VK2AHA	- 15 102
VK3AWW	- 19 140	VK3J	- 19 101
VK3JE	- 7 139	VK3JG	- 5 100
VK4WF	- 16 137	VK3GG	- 18 100
VK4RW	- 23 135	VK3LZ	- 27 100
VK6DD	- 6 126	VK3AUP	- 30 100

### C.W.

Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK3BZ	- 6 214	VK5FP	- 21 134
VK3KB	- 10 200	VK4RH	- 11 125
VK3BZ	- 3 188	VK3HT	- 27 123
VK3FJ	- 15 191	VK3JD	- 27 123
VK4FJ	- 29 191	VK3JEK	- 3 122
VK4E	- 2 175	VK3J	- 25 117
VK3BY	- 45 172	VK3PL	- 25 117
VK3EO	- 2 170	VK3UM	- 12 116
VK3X	- 26 168	VK3OY	- 44 115
VK3RX	- 12 159	VK3J	- 24 114
VK6RU	- 18 155	VK4DA	- 7 113
VK3CU	- 1 151	VK3LZ	- 17 113
VK3GW	- 16 151	VK3J	- 13 107
VK6SA	- 28 150	VK3XK	- 41 107
VK6BO	- 33 150	VK6KW	- 40 104
VK3QL	- 30 146	VK3J	- 22 104
VK4DO	- 20 144	VK2YC	- 24 103
VK3XO	- 43 144	VK3PG	- 46 102
VK3VW	- 4 143	VK3AP	- 14 101
VK3QL	- 5 142	VK3J	- 19 101
VK3XK	- 30 138	VK3O	- 32 101
VK3JE	- 21 137	VK3TK	- 22 100
VK3YL	- 39 135	VK3J	- 27 100
		VK4RW	- 47 100

### OPEN

Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK3BZ	- 4 224	VK3LZ	- 55 118
VK3X	- 23 216	VK3J	- 27 116
VK4HR	- 7 211	VK3VQ	- 46 116
VK4FJ	- 32 206	VK2ASW	- 53 116
VK3BZ	- 3 200	VK3J	- 27 116
VK3JE	- 12 198	VK2ADT	- 14 113
VK3NS	- 16 195	VK3HO	- 38 111
VK3X	- 2 181	VK3MM	- 49 111
VK4EL	- 10 175	VK4RC	- 27 110
VK6KW	- 13 171	VK3BZ	- 34 110
VK6DI	- 2 170	VK3KK	- 54 109
VK3X	- 15 168	VK3J	- 16 108
VK3XK	- 1 167	VK3KR	- 56 107
VK4KS	- 24 167	VK3YL	- 11 106
VK3AWW	- 45 150	VK3J	- 58 106
VK3GW	- 48 150	VK3AWN	- 36 105
VK4RW	- 52 145	VK6WT	- 58 105
VK3VW	- 25 144	VK3VW	- 21 104
VK3PL	- 26 143	VK3LZ	- 27 104
VK4WF	- 40 141	VK3P	- 44 104
VK3HT	- 41 141	VK3PW	- 80 104
VK3X	- 5 139	VK3JE	- 17 103
VK3OP	- 19 137	VK3KB	- 30 103
VK6DX	- 42 137	VK3PT	- 37 103
VK6DO	- 22 136	VK3J	- 37 103
VK2ADE	- 28 133	VK3TK	- 31 102
VK3J	- 33 131	VK4RY	- 35 102
VK2AHA	- 128 128	VK3HI	- 51 101
VK3HMH	- 20 125	VK2ZT	- 38 100
VK3PG	- 47 124		



# ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF THE VIC. DIV. W.I.A.

Under ideal weather conditions, the Annual Convention of the Division was held at Ballarat on the week-end of November 27-28, 1954. Proceedings opened with a general assembly at the shack of 3AMH, which is a brand new one and located on one of the highest points of Ballarat, being 1,700 feet above sea level. After all had received their accommodation, preparations were made for the Dinner and Convention. Approximately 80 members sat down to an excellent repast, but before all could do justice to the meal, the ladies and children retired to the main dining hall so as to make room for the "Old man," owing to the seating accommodation being overtaxed. The usual toasts were honored and received.

The business side of the Convention got away to a good start, there being 25 items, which meant a long sitting. However, by good judgment on the part of the President, everything went along smoothly. The debates were well spoken and the outcome of the business will be for the good of members. The Kinnear Trophy for 1953-4 was won by the North East Zone and the President of the Division called on the President of the Zone to come forward to receive it, but unfortunately he could not be found, the result being that the trophy will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Zone in due course. At 11.15 p.m. the President closed the Convention, then the ladies, having returned from the pictures, joined with the "O.M.s." at supper.

Members were most delighted to welcome the President of the VK2 Division, Jim 2YC, accompanied by Vice-President Charlie 2AWQ, Hon. Secretary Harry 2ACH, and Council member Vince 2VC. Other VK3 members and visitors were: Chas. Godden and Frank Uitchman, from Mildura; Graham and Mrs. Colley, from Traralgon; Keith Scott, Maffra; Neil Hamilton, from Coleraine; Jim Heard, from Wangaratta; Clyde

Case, travelling from Birchip, unfortunately for him his car broke down at Stawell and he could not proceed to Ballarat.

Some of the highlights were: Bob 3IC came equipped with tx hunting gear on his motor bike; some wag named him "The man from Mars." Jack's (3VZ) rx broke down just as he was on the hidden tx hunt. On Sunday morning, more than half of the gathering developed hay fever. The most disappointed man at the Convention was Frank 3OF, owing to the fact that the six metre band was not open.

After the demonstrations and talk, there should be many more converts to mobile equipment. It is understood that 3SX will be one of the first. The Federal Secretary and the President of the VK2 Division had a very long session, eventually talking Institute matters. Don 3ALQ and party had the misfortune to lose their 7 Mc. xtal, thus depriving them from taking part in the Scramble.

In summing up, the Convention was an unqualified success, thereby proving the policy of running them in the country centres. Special praise goes to Bill Sadler and members of the South Western Zone.

On Sunday, the social side of the Convention opened with all hands at the shack of 3AMH. More car loads of visitors arrived for the day's doings and a count of cars revealed 35. A hidden tx hunt started the day's activities, and after much turning of loops, those who were participants, moved off. Several members went on a tour of the S.E.C. power station and the remainder went on a bus tour of the city. Unfortunately for the hunters, the tx "went on the blink" just after the start and another one had to be procured in a hurry, however all went well.

After lunch, the assembly point was the Botanical Gardens, one of the show

places of Victoria. Here things really got going, numerous cars were equipped with l.f. and v.h.f. gear and the boys "went to town." A "contest" was held, with one station at a time, 10 minutes being allowed to make as many contacts as possible on any band. A treasure hunt for the children resulted in much fun for them, and the guessing of a tuned circuit provided many weird answers. After the prizes were distributed and the usual camera barrage had their go, the cars made their way home, with everybody having had a wonderful time.

It would be an idea if a "Get Together" with other Divisions could be arranged at some suitable time and place, as it seems that a closer liaison could be a distinct advantage to all members of the W.I.A.



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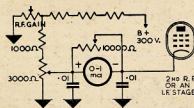
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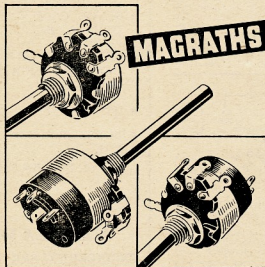
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Aiden and Socotra Is. (21)	V59	Egypt (34)	(MD5)	SU
Afghanistan (21)	YA	Eire (Irish Free State) (E)		EL
Alaska (1)	KL7	England (14)	G	
Albania (15)	ZA	Eritrea (37)	16, ET2, MI3	
Aldabra Islands (39)		Ethiopia (37)	ET3	
Algeria (33)	FA	Faeroes, The (14)	OY	
Andaman & Nicobar Is. (26)	VU5	Falkland Islands (13)	VP8	
Andorra (14)	PX, TB4	Fanning Is., Wash'ton Is.		
Anglo-Egypt. Sudan (34)	ST	Christmas Is. (31)	VR5	
Angola (36)	CR6	Fiji Islands (32)	VR3	
Antarctica (13, 29, 30)	VK1, C67, LU, LD	Finland (15)	OH	
Argentina (13)	LZ	Formosa (24)	CP3	
Ascension Island (36)	DU	France (14)	VP8	
Australia (inc. Tas.) (29, 30)	VK	French Equa. Africa (36)	FQ	
Austria (15)	(MB9) OE	French Indo-China (26)	FO	
Azores Islands (14)	CT2	French Oceania (Tahiti) FO		
Bahama Islands (8)	VP7	French West Africa (35)	FF	
Bahrain Island (21)	MP4B	Fridtjof Nansen Land (Franz Josef Land) (40)	UA1	
Baker, Howland & Am. Phoenix Is. (31)	KB6	Galapagos Is. (10)	(HC8)	
Balearic Islands (14)	EA6	Gambia (35)	ZD3	
Barbados (8)	VP6	Germany (14, 15) DJ, DL, DM		
Basutoland (38)	ZS8	Gibraltar (14)	ZB	
Bechuanaland (38)	ZS9	Gilbert, Ellice & Ocean Is. (31)	VR1	
Belgian Congo (36)	ON	Goa (Portu. India) (22)	CR8	
Belgium (14)	QJ	Gold Coast (and British Togoland) (35)	ZD4	
Bermuda Islands (5)	VP9	Greece (20)	SV	
Bhutan (22)		Greenland (40)	OG	
Bolivia (10)	CP	Guadeloupe (8)	FX	
Bonin & Volcano Is. (two Jima) (27)	KA0	Guantanamo Bay (8)	KG4	
Borneo, Brit. Nth. (28)	ZK5	Guatemala (7)	TG	
Borneo, Netherl'ds (28)	PC3	Guiana, British (9)	VP3	
Brazil (11)	PY	Guiana, French, and Inini (9)	FY	
Brunei (28)	V55	Guiana, Netherlands (Surinam) (2)	P2	
Bulgaria (20)	(9B3) LZ	Guinea, Portuguese (35)	CR9	
Burma (26)	KX	Guinea, Spanish (35)	EAD	
Cameroons, French (36)	FE	Haiti (8)	HH	
Canda (2, 3, 4, 5) VE, VO		Hawaiian Islands (31)	KH4	
Canal Zone (7)	KZ5	Hearad Island (39)	VR1	
Canary Islands (33)	EA8	Honduras (7)	HK	
Cape Verde Is. (35)	CR4	Honduras, British (7)	VP1	
Caroline Islands (27)	KC6	Hong Kong (24)	V56	
Cayman Islands (8)	VP5	Hungary (15)	TH	
Celebes & Molucca Is. (28)	PK6	Iceland (40)	TF	
Ceylon (22)	4S7, V57	Ifni (33)	EA8	
Chagos Islands (39)	V68	India (22)	VU	
Chann Islands (14)	QC	Iran (21)	EP, EQ	
Chile (12)	CC	Iraq (21)	(MD6) YI	
China (23, 24)	C	Ireland, Northern (14)	GJ	
Christmas Is. (29)	ZC3	Ile of Man (14)	GD	
Clipperton Is. (7)	F07	Israel (20)	4X4	
Cocos Island (7)	T19	Iceland (40)	TF	
Cocos Islands (29)	VK1, ZC2	Jamaica (8)	VP5	
Colombia (8)	HK	Jan Mayen Is. (40)	LA, LB	
Comoro Islands (39)	F88	Japan (25)	KA, JA	
Cook Islands (32)	ZK1	Jarvis and Palmyra Is. (31)		
Corsica (15)	FC	Jawa (23)	PK6	
Costa Rica (7)	TI	Johnston Island (31)	KJ6	
Crete (20)	SV	Kenya (37)	VQ4	
Cuba (8)	CM, CO	Kerguelan Is. (39)	VB3	
Cyprus (20)	(MD7) ZK4	Korea (25)	HL	
Czechoslovakia (15)	OC	Kuwait (21)	(VT1) MP4K	
Denmark (14)	OZ	Laccadive Is. (22)	VU4	
Dodecanese Is. (Rhodes) (20)	SV5	Lebanon (20)	OD5, AR	
Dominican Republic (8)	HI	Leeward Is. (8)	VP1	
Easter Island (12)	CE0	Liberia (35)	EL	
Ecuador (10)	HC	Libya (34) 5A1, 5A2, 5A3 (MC1, MD1, MD2, MT2)		

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Luxembourg (14)	LX	Scotland (12)	GM
Macau (24)	CR9	Seychelles (39)	VQ9
Macquarie Is. (30)	VK1	Siam (26)	HS
Madagascar (39)	FE	Sierre Leone (35)	ZD1
Madiera Is. (33) CS3,	CT3	Sikkim (22)	AC3
Malaya (28)	V52	Singapore (28)	VS1
Maldives Islands (22)	V59	Solomon Is. (28)	VR4
Malta (15)	ZB1	Somaliand, Brit. (37)	VQ6
Manchuria (24)	C9	Somaliand, French (37)	FL
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(27)	KG6	South Georgia (13)	VP8
Marion Is. (and Prince Edward Is.) (38)	ZS2	South Orkney Is. (13)	VP8
Marshall Islands (31)	KX6	South Sandwich Is. (13)	VP8
Martinique (8)	FM	South Shetland Is. (13)	VP8
Mauritius (39)	VQ8	Southwest Africa (38)	ZS3
Mexico (36)	XE, XF	Soviet Union:	
Midway Island (31)	KM6	Europ. R.S.F.S.R. (15,	
Miquelon and St. Pierre		16, 17) UA1, 2, 3, 4, 6	
Is. (5)	FP	Asiatic R.S.F.S.R. (17,	
Monaco (14)	3A1, 3A2	18, 19, 25)	UA9, 0
Mongolian Rep. (Outer		Ukraine (16)	UB5
(23)	(JT)	Belorus'n S.S.R. (16)	UC2
Morocco, French (33)	CN8	Azerbaijan (21)	UD6
Morocco, Spanish (33)	EA9	Georgia (21)	UF6
Mozambique (37)	CR7	Armenia (21)	UG6
Nepal (22)	NE1, VU7	Turkoman (17)	UH8
Netherlands (14)	PA, PI	Uzbek (17)	UI8
Nether. West Indies (9)	PJ	Tadzhik (17)	UL7
New Caledonia (32)	FK	Kazakh (17)	UM7
New Guinea, Nether.		Kirghiz (17)	UM8
(28)	PK7, JZ	Karelo-Finnish Re-	
New Guinea, Territory		public (16)	UN1
of (28)	VK9	Moldavia (16)	UO5
New Hebrides (32)	FU, J	Lithuania (15)	UP2
New Zealand (32)	ZL	Latvia (15)	UQ2
Nicaragua (7)	YN	Estonia (15)	UR2
Nigeria (35, 36)	ZD2	Spain (14)	EA
Niue (32)	ZK2	Sumatra (28)	PK4
Norfolk Island (32)	VK9	Svalbard (Spitzbergen)	
Norway (14)	LA, LB	(40)	LA, LB
Nyasaland (37)	ZD6	Swan Island (7)	KS4
Oman, Sultanate (21)	VS9	Sweden (38)	ZS7
Oman, Trucial (21)		Swed. (14)	SL, SL
(21)	VS9, MP4H	Switzerland (14)	HB
Pakistan (22)	AP	Syria (20)	YK
Palau (Pelew) Is. (27)	KP4	Tanganyika Ter. (37)	VQ3
Palestine (20)	ZC6, ZC8	Tangier Zone (33)	
Panama (7)	HP	EK, KT1, CN2	
Papua Territory (28)	VK9	Tannu Tuva Rep. (23)	UA0
Paraguay (11)	QP	Tibet (23)	AC4
Paros (10)	QA	Timor Portugese (28)	CR10
Philippine Islands (27)	DU	Togoland, French (35)	FD
Pitcairn Island (32)	VR6	Tokelau (Union) Is. (31)	
Poland (15)	SP	Tonga (Friend.) Is (32)	VR5
Portugal (14)	CT1	Transjordan (20)	ZC1, JY
Principe and Sao Thome		Trieste (15)	AG2, MP2
Is. (36)	CR5	Trinidad & Tobago (9)	VP4
Puerto Rico (8)	KP4	Tristan da Cunha and	
Qatar (21)	MP4Q	Gough Is. (38)	ZD9
Reunion Island (39)	FR7	Tunisia (32)	FT) 3V8
Rhodesia, North. (36)	VQ2	Turkey (20)	TA
Rhodesia, South. (38)	ZE	Turks & Caicos Is. (8)	VP5
Rio de Oro (33)	EA9	Uganda (37)	VQ5
Rumanya (20)	YO	Union of S. Africa (38)	ZS
Ryukyu Is. (Okina.) (25)	KR6	United States of Amer-	
		ica (3, 4, 5) WN, K, W	
Saarland (15)	9S4	Uruguay (13)	CX
St. Helena (36)	ZD7	Vatican City State (15)	HV
St. Paul & New Amster-		Venezuela (9)	YV
dam Is. (39)	FB8	Virgin Islands (8)	KV4
Salvador (7)	XS	Wake Island (31)	KW6
Samoa, American (32)	K56	Wales (14)	GW
Samoa, Western (32)	FM	Wallis Island (32)	FW8
San Andres and Providencia		Windward Is. (8, 9)	VP2
Archipelego		Wrangell Island (19)	
San Marino (15)	(M1)	Yemen (21)	(4W)
Sarawak (28)	VS4	Yugoslavia (15)	YT, YU
Sardinia (15)	IS	Zanzibar (37)	VQ9



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## TWO-WAY WORK

Band Mc.	Stations	Date	Miles	World Rec'd
50	VK5KL-WTACS/KH6 VK3IM-VR2CB VK7BQ/LZ-VK9DB	26/8/47 30/12/53	5355 2405 2211	10500
144	VK3GM/3-VK7LZ/PF	9/3/52	317	1400
288	VK3AFJ/3-VK3AAE/3	21/3/54	63.8	—
576	VK3ANW-VK3AKE	11/12/49	81.6	—

1215	VK3ANW-VK3XA	18/2/50	9.1	10
2300				15
5650				10
10000				800 ft
21000				
30000				

It is in the interests of all v.h.f. enthusiasts to notify F.E. through Divisions, if you can better the above figures. Please give **exact** details of both stations' locations for checking when submitting your records.

the exhilarating waters. A couple of 6 Yagis for 576 Mc. has been the result so far and it seems to be a toss up whether the 576 Mc. link gets going before the 50-144 Mc. one. He already has a 5 mc converter with which he works Les cross-band break-in (sounds like h.f.v.h.f. to me—what shall we do about reporting that one Warwick?) and has promised to get a 100 watt 50-144 Mc. converter. He will have finished by the time these notes are read!! Les is beaming a 100 watts from a 422 watt tube Adelaide each Wednesday night on a 422 Mc. frequency. Just a note to you from

Cross band to 2 mx with SMT and SRO is no trouble at all. The line-up in the tx, which is v.f.o. controlled, is EF50, 6AG7, 6BW6 and final 4E27; all stannum up ready for the Ross Hull Contest. Did you hear that the Contest Committee had the trophy? It's a very fine piece of work and, in spite of the many frustrating delays, Federal Executive has done a fine job of work in designing it.

Some interesting news for the DX hound concerns the KR6 Amateurs on Ryukyu Island who report that their 6 mx beams will be firing south during the coming months.

All the best to the household for 1955.—5XU

30 Me.: Our "old faithful" v.h.f. band duly provided a series of DX openings during November. 5MK, SJO, and 5ON broke through to the north on the 12th for the first signals heard on the 2m band since January, 1951. I believe 6LC in Kalgoolie and 6WG in Albany were well amongst them during the afternoon as well. Since then the band has opened once or twice but conditions had not up to the time of writing. Reduced signals like last year's continue.

ing, produced signals like last year's opening. One item of extreme interest, however, is the reported reception of two VK3 stations on V83CP during the afternoon of 21st November. Unfortunately, call signs were not copied accurately and the time of day was not available, so every body has been kept guessing as to who it was. The band was open to VK4BT from 1300-1400 EST on this day, which certainly ties in.

In a contact with V83CP 21UW/2EB, the information was gleaned that there is NO VSI activity on 50 Mc. at the moment, contrary to previous reports.

One item of news just to hand prompts a little sober thought by the 50 Mc. gang—the proposed Television Channels for Sydney and Melbourne lie in the 49-70 Mc. band.

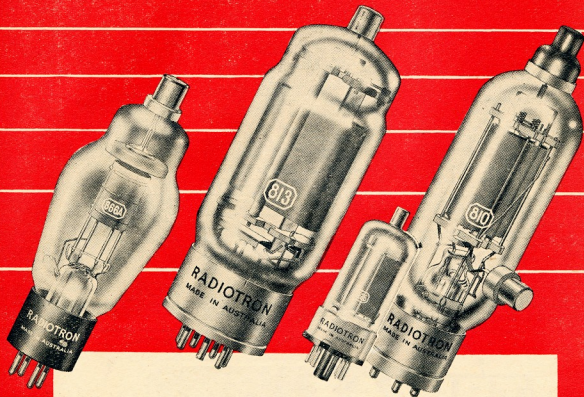
**144 Mc.:** During November quite a flock of Z calls hit the two mx band. First of the new batch was Lionel 6ZAE from Kalamundungu with a speaking signal from a 2E25 and v.h.f. signal from a 2E25. This was followed by Len 6ZAT and Don 6ZAK followed soon afterwards with modulated oscillators. However, a spot of concentrated labour on the crystal controlled rigs soon produced stabilised signals on both the power at present, but the full signal on the 400/40. Rumour has it that there has been a QQOE60 on the stocks, so that should reach the grids of a few rx's before long.

Quite a few of the gang were successful at the last A.O.C.P. exam and it was very pleasing to see them on the air. The following were successful to the form. Be bearing 129, below 160w, DM1.

Quite a silence from the two letters called in 144 Mc. of late. SAG has not been in evidence of a Sunday evening and only heard briefly on Sunday mornings checking the news relay with GHK. 6JT is still presumably on his departmental travels, as was 6AW, but Dennis should be well back in action by this. Test with Don (6DW (120 miles) were once again successful, but QSB proves very deep and rapid. I wonder what that path to Bruce Rock would be like if the Darling Scarp (approx 1500 ft.) wasn't in the way?—GHK.



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# SHORT WAVE LISTENERS' SECTION\*

Hello chaps! Well things are looking up. As you all know by now, last month's issue of "A.R." proved a big surprise. S.w.l.'s have been allotted a section of the magazine for their own use. To hold this section, we must prove to the Editor that the s.w.l. can make itself into an essential cog in the wheel of Amateur Radio and assist in accurate reports of Amateur transmissions throughout the world.

To keep this page on its feet, we must receive from s.w.l.'s anywhere throughout VK land regular monthly reports of your activities. If you have any ideas which would assist other fellow s.w.l.'s, then send them along to me. If possible we will publish each month besides the report of monthly meetings and band activities. Hints and ideas that we think would assist you in your hobby. So chaps, how about it, you are the pioneers in this new section of the Wireless Institute of Australia.

## VK3 S.W.L. MEETING

The members of the VK3 Division S.w.l. Group met in the club rooms, 191 Queen Street, at 2015 EST. Among those present were Len Poynter, President, and Secretary Gerrard Lane and Arthur 3AHD. After the reading of the minutes, we welcomed the following new members to the Group. They are Ian Woodman, Gramme Daw, David Tanner, and A. Harris. Welcome to the Group chaps, and I do hope that you will receive lots of happy hours with the gang.

**Meeting Dates** for the first term of 1955 will be at 3 p.m. as follows: January—Tuesday, 25th; February—Tuesday, 22nd; March—Tuesday, 29th. Keep these dates free. All new faces will be welcomed.

Believe that our friend, Dave Rankin, passed the limited A.O.C.P. with flying colours. Good luck Dave and hope to hear you on the air very soon.

## S.W.L. CONTEST

### Open To All S.w.l.'s. Throughout VK

Discussion also took place regarding our first Contest, which is to be held from 1st January. The Contest will take the following form: Contest time will be between 0001 GMT, 1st January, 1955, and will close at 2359 GMT on 1st January.

\* John Wilson, 37 Raymont St., Alphongeton, Vic.

30th March. Closing date for receipt of QSLs will be last mail to arrive on the day of 30th June. Results will be made available over 3VI on Sunday, 10th July at 1130 hours and will be published in "A.R." for the month of August.

There will be four sections in which you will be able to enter.

**Section One**—Largest number of QSLs received from Amateur Stations throughout the world and dated between 1st January and 30th March, 1955.

**Section Two**—Largest number of QSLs received on the Broadcast Short Wave bands between 3 and 30 Mc.

**Section Three**—Largest number of QSLs received from Overseas Broadcast Stations operating between 550 and 1650 Kc.

**Section Four**—Largest number of QSLs received from all Sections combined in the form of a grand total.

Awards will be given to the winners of each Section. QSLs may be in the form of cards or letters of verification.

**The Contest is open to all S.w.l.'s throughout Australia and overseas.**

If you intend to enter, send your name and QTH to the Contest Committee (S.I. Group), W.I.A. Rooms, 191 Queen St., Melbourne, C.I.

## NEWS ON THE AMATEUR BANDS

**21 Mc:** News of this band over the past weeks proves quite good. From Frank Nolan and Jeff Morris, the following reports are to hand: KH6ZA, KH6AVH, KH6AVQ—all at 89 signals; W2JAC, M.A.R.S. stations heard were A13AO, A13AH, A13AA, A12AA plus many ZLs from 57 to 88 signals.

**14 Mc:** Over the last few weeks 20 mx has been excellent between 1200 and 1500 GMT. Frank and Jeff heard: KA8RR, KA2AK, JA6CA, KA2NY, KA3AZ, KA7JM, KA7FA, KH6AZ, KH6AF, KR6OU, KR6OG, KR6AQ, WUJY, WOKOL, K4AIM, ZB1AT, ZMAAP, ZMAAR, VR2CM, VR2CW, VK1AC, VK1DY, VK1DJ, VK1DH, VK1FN, 4X4GE, 4X4DK, LUI1DF, OASG, OAZA, OASG, HC2JR, I1SM, I1YJ, I1CHD, I1BUA, CT1CL, CT1FY, OE13JM, G3BUU, G6RMM, G6RAA, FKSLI, YV5EV, CS3AC, KWWB, CEFV, CERC, VR2CZ, VR3A, VR2CM, VR3AS, VR2BZ.

VR2CY, VR2CX, VR2RR, W5YLL, W5ZFC, T1ZGC, T1ZCHV, T1ZRC, PY2CK, PY1MK, PY6RU, X22SO, X22OM, ZC5VR, KJ6AZ, W5ZBL, W7Y, FUMAC, 457YL, VQ6LG, VQ4AQ, VU2AK, VU2RS, VU2CY, K4AIM, From Gerrard Lane: ZL1CH, KH6SL, JATKR, KA7IU, T1ZRC, VK1AC, CX5AF, LUTFFB, WT1LS, KV4V, VS1FE, J421, K5BC, From Gordon Heburn, of VK2, KH6BY, 8SL, KA2YA, J2M, 2ILM, 2NY, J1W, K8RAV, K6GRG, K6PAB, K71WC, HK3CP, HC2JR, HP3FL, HRI1BG, HC11W, XE2KW, LUT1J, 4DMG, T12JV, 4JG, 3RMA, CT1CL, 4V4DK, YV5EU, I1HDV, 5AITE, VS6HIE, 6DL, VR2CY, 6DL, 5CM, 5CW, 2AS, 4DP, FK1AK, 2MGAT. At my location: VR3A, 5ATCF, VQ6LQ, 4X4VO, 4X4PK, VU2GM, 457YL, G5FMD, H21AB, CT1SY, K71WX, F9AE, F9EA, C2AG, 457YL, YC3EC, VR2CM, VU2CQ, EA2CQ, V17IR, CQ1CL, CN8SS, ZC5DR, OE13WD, ZS1SW.

## BROADCAST SHORT WAVE BANDS

From Gerrard Lane: Reported from U.S.A. that KCBI is operating on 5.40 Mc. with an 89 signal at 2100 hours EST. Radio Indonesia on 9.40 Mc. at 2125 EST. TCNA Guatemala on 9.75 Mc. with 89 at 2125 EST.

A new one is KNH (V.O.A.) on 9.50 Mc. at 2000 with an 88 signal. Programme at this hour is in English. Radio Moscow is now operating on 9.615 and 11.77 Mc. between the hours of 2010-2030 EST. VLXA in Western Australia is now operating on 4.897 Mc. at 2145 with quite strong signals. KRCA (V.O.A.) on 6.05 Mc. at 2200 EST. A new one is YDF in Indonesia on 6.045 Mc. at 2200 with programme in English. Also from this same country, Radio Indonesia is on 5.010 and 4.810 Mc. at 2215 and 2240 respectively. Radio Australia's outlet VLGN on 17.840 Mc. is quite good at 2155 EST. GSV in Britain on 17.010 Mc. in the European Service of the BBC is heard at 2155 EST.

DZB2 in Manila on 3.32 Mc. at 2230 EST. This station has had QRM. It is heard R4-S6. WLWO, the Crosby Network, is heard on week days on 11.40 Mc. at 0745 EST at R5 S8. DX session is heard from 0715 on Sundays. Verification from this station is by card. OLRB is heard week nights at 1645 EST on 11.750 Mc. at strength 87-8.

Once again the New Year is with us and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all s.w.l.'s everywhere pleasant DX for 1955 and may you all be blessed with a very happy New Year. 73 to you all.—John Wilson.

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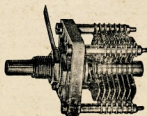
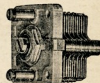
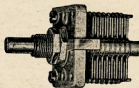
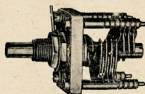
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# FEDERAL, QSL, and DIVISIONAL NOTES



## FEDERAL

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

As the old year closes, and the new year opens, Federal Council and Federal Executive wish to offer Season's Greetings to all who are connected with the world of Amateur Radio both within the Institute and without.

The New Year is a time of looking both ways. Back at past achievements and forward to projected ones. In this regard it is appropriate to express special thanks to that staunch band of workers who make our Institute the success it is. The Wages Committee, Federal Contest Committee, QSL Managers, Correspondents, Traffic Officers, and hosts of others play a very important part in the smooth running of a complex unit. Each and all deserve particular commendation.

Much has been accomplished during 1954 to make the radio hobby even more interesting. It is with confidence that the Wireless Institute of Australia awaits the developments of 1955.

### T.V.I. BOOKS

With increased activity in planning for t.v., it is also significant that Amateurs should plan in order to avoid giving interference to this new medium.

Federal Executive has just landed a shipment of Remington Rand's latest book on t.v.I. This contains data invaluable in overcoming interference and is a splendid addition to the Amateur's technical library.

Those members desiring the latest edition are asked to send a letter to the Federal Secretary, enclosing 7d. in stamps, and a copy will be forwarded.

### U.M.F.-V.H.F. DISTANCE RECORDS

In another section of the Magazine will be found the first of the v.h.f.-u.h.f. records.

These are in no way complete and as information is sent from Divisions, these will be amended. Members are requested to notify their Divisional Secretary of outstanding performances, in order that a complete State Federal Listing may be prepared for a later issue of "A.R."

## FED. CONTEST COMMITTEE

The Contest Committee met on the 23rd November at the residence of the Secretary, SBR, and had the pleasure of unpacking the Ross Hull Trophy as the opening business of the meeting. The Committee was most impressed with the trophy and were unanimous in the opinion that F.E. had certainly done a good job, and deserved all the remarks that had been passed during the week when the trophy had been on display in the window of Gerard and Goodman in Rundle Street. Now we pass without saying that this Committee endorses the section in the Rules of the Ross Hull Memorial Contest that alludes to a trophy.

Correspondence produced several letters of interest, one being from the VK2 Division containing the number of licensed Amateurs in that Division and the purpose of the R.D. Contest, one from the Editor of the New Zealand magazine regarding the lateness of the information received by him in connection with the Ross Hull Contest, and one from Federal Executive. We were pleased to receive them from 23, and we are taking the necessary steps to publicise the Ross Hull Contest so as to reach the maximum of ZI. Amateurs in time for the Contest, and we left the letter from F.E. for consideration until later.

Certificates for all Contests in the past are now in the hands of the Secretary, and a hearing from any Amateur who still is without a certificate for any Contest that he considers he is entitled to. His reply as to how, in this regard, don't winge to your fellow Amateur, winge to us; we have been winged to by experts and we strive on it.

It was agreed by the Committee that the four winners of the previous Ross Hull Contest trophy should hold the trophy for a period of two months each and then return it to the Committee who would despatch it to the next winner for two months. When this period for the four winners has been completed, then the trophy will be ready for presentation to the 1954 winner, who will hold it for the full year as stated in the rules of the Contest.

It is fortunate that each of the four winners cannot hold it for the full twelve months, but it is felt that they will understand the

difficulty and be only too pleased to co-operate with us. Incidentally, the four winners are SQR, SBC, 4KX and 6BO in that order. The trophy is to be photographed and then will be despatched immediately to Reg SQR who, incidentally, is one of the Contest Committee.

## FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

### RAY JONES, VK3RJ, MANAGER

Bill Storer, VK1EG, at Mawson, had knocked up 88 countries up to 31st December. Bill is fed up with the tactics employed by Amateurs in a few countries. While he is QSO other stations, they keep calling repeatedly and if no QSO results, they commence long QsQ on the frequency. Early in January most of the personnel are going up the fiord about 30 miles on the ice wall exploring. Roy VK4FJ, who is handling the QSL angle for Bill, reports that he is right up to date and all cards received have been answered by the same route as they came in, excepting those which arrived by airmail without return airmail postage being included. These have gone out either surface mail or via Bureau.

VE3DKD, using 500 watts to a long wire, seeks VK contacts on 80 mc. The call sign is that of the R.C.A.F. at Camp Borden, Ontario. All contacts will be QSLed. Other stations on 80 mc seeking VK contacts are W2PPO, of Larchmont, N.Y., using a k.w. to a pair of 204TH feeding an end fed long wire, and W0PYS, of Lancaster, Ill., using 200 watts to a 536 feet long wire fed at 133 feet.

Fred Sellens, ZL3MY, now 73 years old and of course retired, spends much time chasing contacts on 7 and 14 Mc. c.w., but he also welcomes VK contacts and requests direct QSLs to his new QTH at 4 Plymouth Street, Palmerston North.

Treb, BE1S19S commences two months furlough from Xmas, 1954, and plans a tour tour of VK2 and VK4 for most of the period.

Geoff Warner has been allotted the call sign of VK2AVW, with QTH C/o. O.T.C. Radio Receiving Centre, Bringley, N.S.W. He is settling in well, but has tons of work on hand, so is giving Amateur Radio a miss for some time.

Frank Anair, 9K9WZ (now F/gt., congrats), states he knocked back a southern posting, desiring to stay at Mornore for a little while longer. Frank is anxious to make DX C.C. before leaving, but says DX is poor and to date has only 52 confirmed and not many outstanding. That was in early November, so possibly by now is much nearer the century. He says they have a round up on 7080 Kc. each Sunday morning with eight stations taking part.

The J.A.R.L. advice of their decision to issue seven new certificates. All claims must be sent to the Overseas Committee, J.A.R.L., Box 377, Tokyo, accompanied by verifications by registered post. After checking they will be returned by registered mail with the award. All authorised bands may be used. C.w. or Phone is permissible. Contacts must be with Japanese nationals only and must date after July 30, '52.

Details of the transmitting awards are set out hereunder and the figures in parenthesis indicate the number of International DX awards that must accompany the award. It is hoped that an agreement can be made with the W.I.A. that a recommendation be sent to the awarding authorities and thus avoid the postage and possible loss of cards. They are also planning an Asian DX award, details of which will be supplied at a later date.

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The remaining four awards are for listeners. (Details would be welcomed by a.w.l.s.—Ed.)

## SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of—

Alex. W. Kelly, VK5XO—November, 1954.

W. A. MacGregor, VK9MC.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

The November meeting of the Wireless Institute of Australia (N.S.W. Div.) was held at the usual venue on 26/11/54, and in the absence of the President, the chair was ably taken by Vice-President, Bill 2YB, with Stan 2EL acting as Secretary. Visitors welcomed to our midst were W4VUU/M4, Ellsworth; Greg 2ANP, Cyril Ribbe, Bob Ridgely, ZL2AR, Lionel Deedland, and Harry 2AGU. Apologies were received from 2ACH, 2YC, 2AWQ, and 2ACD.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by VK3DD, John Rooks, who took as his subject "Communications as applied to the Sydney Department of Civil Aviation Telecommunication Centre" and he proceeded to illustrate the progress made in this field here in Australia and to outline the methods of operation at the major airports in this country, leaving all with the thought that Australian Radio Engineers have placed us at the peak of efficiency.

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Following the lecture, a vote of thanks was tendered by Mr. Magee and the general appreciation of Mr. Rocks' efforts were shown in the usual manner.—2FA.

There is plenty of activity on most bands at present, but conditions have not always been too kind. 2ABO is heard working the 1000 ft. PKS, on 21 Mc., but has found out that it does not work on 21 Mc. and has moved up there. The congratulations of all go out to Alf, Ted's brother, on his success in the A.O.C.E. examination recently, and we all hope that he will be successful in the next one. Luck Alf. ZAGW works the G boys the long way round with gusto as in days of old; does it nicely the other way as well; do hear from him on 21 Mc. and 20 Mc. and 19 Mc. and 18 Mc. sleep, goes QRT at 11 p.m., but his echoes linger, till 2APT, 2FA, 2ACD still after DX, all beams appear to be working well, but Horrie is a bit of a G. and has been at the same time decontaminating a v.f.o.

The following notes sent by 2NO, who is still going strong, 2ASE is due to appear at any moment with a new rig for 2 mx, says he and XYL goods him that everyone else is on so far. 2NO is in the East seems around a fair bit in the meantime. Latest word is that he is in this Eastern sector of the Metropolis seems to be Max 2NO who has nice phone on 20 mx. 2NO has two stations are needed in the coastal areas, where the Westerners don't normally point their Yagis. 2NO has plans to break out on 20 mx, but is steadily progressing with a 20w rig to 2000. The pip squeak at present in use on 144.65 Mc.

A newcomer in the Bondi area soon to take the air is Ken Squires who has passed his A.O.C.P.; congrats old chap; he was aided on the c.w. by Andy 2AX to whom his thanks go. Does anyone know if 2XB is still interested in Amateur Radio? At one time, Tom's first was a familiar signal on the c.w. DX bands from the Bondi area. Tom may be busy with plans connected with large sized c.r.o.'s.

**VK2 MEMBERS VISIT BALLARAT, VIC.**  
Hon. Secretary Harry 2ACH, Vice-President Charlie 2AWQ, President Jim 2YC, and Vince 2Z attended the VK3 State Convention at the Ballarat Hotel, Sydney on 4.30 p.m. on Friday they breakfasted with the 2EU's at Albany, visited Don 2RS, and arrived at Ballarat at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, after going by a "short cut" navigated by ex-Victorian Charlie 2AWQ. The road to the Sydney weekend 2EU's at Albany party to traverse the route since the days of the very early explorers like Hume and Hovell, but Charlie insists the VK3s drive good cars.

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Neville 3ACN spoke of the good roads to, and the beauties of, Bendigo, so the Chev. was headed in that direction on its way back to Albury. At one stage, the President 2YC managed to get a glance at 2AWQ's jealously guarded map of Victoria and found he was west of Hay, in N.S.W., but was assured that "things were different" down in VK3 and we were "heading" for Albury alright.

Arrived home Monday at 11.30 a.m. for our

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The November meeting of the Hunter Branch was held at 8 p.m. at the Tighes Hill Technical College on 12/11/54. Nineteen members were present to see the films shown, these being "By Design," "Diary," and "The M.A.F." "Diary." After the general business of the meeting had been disposed of, a session entitled "Ask me another" was held. A panel of "experts," namely, Lionel RCS, George ZAGD, and Harry ZAGD had been appointed to answer questions on Amateur radio by any member. The questions asked were mostly about crystal filters and beams. Harry ZAGD made a welcome appearance at the meeting. We would like to see you at the meetings more often. Harry, Ron, and ZAGD had a week in hospital, but is OK AGAIN NOW.

For the January meeting of the Branch to be

held on the 14th, at the Tighes Hill Technical

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The meeting of the VK3 Division was held on Wednesday, 1/12/54 at the usual location. Approximately 50 members plus their families were present. Various films were shown, this being considered the best form of entertainment for a family night. I wonder how many of the kiddies present had nightmares that night? Didn't sleep so well myself, but then I had a crayfish supper.

Whilst waiting for the show to start, an unidentified chap engaged me in conversation. Following my usual pattern, I was very watchful when he started asking awkward questions about my source of info on VK3 matters. Luckily for me that I didn't get anything slip out of my tongue but he did say that he was never know how close to valuable info he came, nor how close his spies were to being shot at dawn. The meeting gave Brian a welcome as only VK3 can. Brian tells me he came to VK3 in search of a pair of 24Gs. A less fortunate type could suspect that he was checking on the old ladies. If he was he'd only be following the fine example already set by you know whom.

There will not be a meeting in January, as the Radio Theatre will be closed for the school holidays. The next meeting is scheduled for 5th February, but at the time of writing I have no indication of the agenda item.

By rights I should write up the Dinner, but as what I have heard from several who were there, least said the better. It was only indisposition that kept me away this year. From what I've heard, I'd like to see the effect of a vote of all members. Can't I get a few rap my knuckles over this, but the spending of £18 on an Annual Dinner in which the majority of members obviously have no interest, appears hard to justify. After all, it is the members in general who are footing the

Not having been active for over a month, nor likely to be for another three or four months—not even listening—have practically no idea of what is going on apart from what I hear if I run into any of the lads round town (which is not very often). Would appreciate anybody passing on any gen they may happen onto. What about it Mrs. S.L.N., or are you undecided as to reporting for the V.h.f. Group? Your assistance last month was very much appreciated.

will be right on us. Possibly it is now a little late to wish everybody a Merry Xmas, but I'm in nice time to wish one and all a very Happy New Year. May it see an improvement in conditions on the bands and new distance records on the v.h.f. bands.

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#### WOOMERA RADIO CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Woomera Club was held to a capacity gathering of members, and after the usual business was disposed of, a discussion on the club's equipment was held. It was decided that the equipment was held to revert to the original circuitry of the tx which will facilitate its operation. The antenna wiring unit will be built on the wall and will be thus available for use with any other tx's that may be built, and it was also decided to purchase a BICOM antenna for the club. This would be available to the members for lining up their own equipment. Last, but not least, the rx is to be thoroughly overhauled and the antenna and wiring are to be changed. It is much spare time and nothing to do with it, they will also pull down the beam in the near future. The club has been through a rough time, a tale that swept through the town recently. Special mention was also made at the meeting to the many pleasant contacts that members have had with the DX column boys, which would also how these contacts are looked forward to by all the operators of SWC. The Season's transmissions were extended to the members of the Club, and also that 1955 will see a repeat of the pleasant contacts of 1954.

IFT findings in with Clamp tube modulation and is putting out a signal from that has to be heard to be believed, in fact they say that it is almost as good as a big tx, and speaks for itself. Apparently all the available pieces of wood have been devoured by the infernal machine, because a terrific noise is coming out of the speakers. John of Ray's shack, 5FY is busy working on a QRP rig to use down South in the Xmas break, and all the time he tells me it is correct. I will have to put a fuse in my antenna in case his signal from this rig tangles with mine. John is in possession of his limited certificate and is pressing on with his "See-Wubleyou" in order to get his full certificate. Nice work John, hurry up with that c.w., then you will be a most useful member. It will be coming good again after a fair spell, and it is hoped so. I believe that he was down in the contest recently, but I did not see him and can only quote gossip.

The transmissions of 5WT on 40 mc are received up at Woomera with extra good strength and also the re-broadcast on 80 mc is peaking to 59. Another signal that makes the 5WC shack shudder at times is that of 5EF from Gawler. 5AX used to be heard from Gawler at the same shuddering strength, but he has probably hibernated up in his 6 mc beam and is not listening to his 80 mc rig.

Just to prove that I am on the air on 40 mc, I have been keeping an ear open for 5WC myself, and sure enough, a steady stream of shuddering signals into Woomera, and daily give my 5W rig a pep talk in this regard. Strap everything down Ron, you never can tell with me.

#### SOUTH EAST AREAS

5CH is still building, but the shack is now almost completed and there should be a lot more activity from Claude in the near future. It is a pity that 21W is not doing much, the boys, but of course that is of no interest to me and is only included in my notes to annoy the editor. I scribble. 5TW is another one who is heard on 2 mc, but occasionally, but his reports to hand. Tom has been fairly busy keeping the wolf from the door and has not had time to do much. 5JA, the 5JA is fast earning the reputation of 5JA, but as John is a keen member, present at the monthly meetings, and is a good friend, I am sure that the position proudly held by the other John. After all, he must still have his share of interest to attend the monthly meetings.

5IA, so my typewriter automatically prints, still has nothing to report. I still include John in these notes each month in the hope that I will eventually see him down on the air, on the air in self preservation. So far, no record. 5KU is quite pleased with the world of amateur radio. He has been in the contest with a decent score in the R.D. Contest. Erg must cer-

tainly have stuck to that key in earnest to have run up such a high score in the c.w. section. Nice work OM. 5MS is another one who has reason to feel pleased with himself on the outcome of the contest. He has been in the contest and we hope that Stuart will put the tube that he won, as the VK5 highest score, to good use. To me, it is a good idea to have a tube that you can use.

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Mount Gambier is being declared a city in January, and great will be the celebrations thereof, with the English cricketers visiting the town, or city, as the case may be, also the visiting of the Australian cricketers. In view of this, it was suggested at the monthly meeting of the boys that it would be a good idea to have a display on the air. In view of this, it was suggested at the monthly meeting of the boys that it would be a good idea to have a display on the air. In view of this, it was suggested at the monthly meeting of the boys that it would be a good idea to have a display on the air.

It is customary for the various scribes at this time of the year to close their Divisional notes with a passing reference to the year just passed and to the year that has just commenced. This, of course, permits such brilliant scribes as I am to close their notes with a passing reference to the year just passed and to the year that has just commenced. This, of course, permits such brilliant scribes as I am to close their notes with a passing reference to the year just passed and to the year that has just commenced. This, of course, permits such brilliant scribes as I am to close their notes with a passing reference to the year just passed and to the year that has just commenced.

I close these notes with another of my little stories, pertaining to the year just passed, and all, and will condense it somewhat because I don't like the look of exasperation in the dear Editor's eye. Bless Him! Once upon a time there was a island king who had a gold throne, and every night he used to haul it up to the top of his grass hut by means of a rope. One day, however, the rope broke and the gold throne down from the roof when the cord broke and the throne fell on him and killed him. The king's name was King of the People who live in grass houses should never strown thrones. Oh I am a one!

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

At the November general meeting of the Division those present listened with interest to Mr. Jack Jewell's talk on the function and purpose of the Amateur Advisory Committee. He was a leading member of the Wireless Branch and Chairman of the Committee in this State, could naturally speak with authority on the subject. He made a number of points about the Committee's operation which may have been in doubt in the past. The talk was moved by Rolo 6WS in typical style and seconded by Skipper 6WB.

The second half of the programme was provided by a lecture from Ted Peart, entitled "Level Crossing Flashing Signals." Ted certainly knew his subject and with the aid of diagrams and models, made it very clear the safety angle is looked to by modern rail transport in general, and the W.A.G.R. in particular.

One of the Division's regular events held again this year was the Annual Picnic, conducted on Sunday, 21st November, at the South Perth Club. It was a most enjoyable day, enjoyed by those who were there, but the attendance was somewhat disappointing.

6TW is planning a holiday trip to Albany, and despite the fact that he had other

commitments, managed a tour of the shacks. A little mobile work on 30 Mc was indulged in with 6WG and 6KJ, but the gear in the car was not overworked. I am also informed that 6LT, who has been in the contest, is now on Radio! Where have you been Norm? 6MK has been heard on 7 Mc, with the 32V3, using the 44 mc band. The boys are on the way for hot spots! A half wave works a lot better Tom, or have you memories of an earlier effort involving 250v. a.c. and 6MK?

Joe D'Silva, who has an interest towards the end of November when 4FL broke through with an 88-0 signal. Since then, 10 mc converters have been rolling off the assembly line in some of the shack. I can almost hear the died-in-the-wool 28 Mc addicts pricking up their ears! Still, it's about time the band began to change.

Joe D'Silva, of Bunbury, has been doing quite well on 20 mc, judging by the stations heard calling him. A visit to 6EC at Munding proved very interesting indeed, as Eric was able to demonstrate his new "Station" t.v. camera tube in action. Unfortunately pictures as viewed at the time were negatives, but an additional stage in the video amplifier chain will reverse the phase of the signal was to be installed to correct this. On pointing the camera out of the shack, he was able to pick up a signal, and use up such details as leaves blowing in the breeze, etc. Eric is certainly to be congratulated for his achievements in the field of Amateur Television.

Judging by the DX column last month, 6ZL, 6NF's next door neighbour, has been getting some DX. He has been in the contest, and neither, and has been very successful with the Europeans on 21 Mc. 6RU to be heard looking for that new signal, very rare, but enough. I believe Jim has over 200 confirmed up to date. He has also on 21 Mc for the first time a few weeks back, but I don't think an 813 is still doing very much. Jim 6SW has been active again, so conditions must be on the improve and household chores on the wane, eh Ron?

Well now's the time to wish everybody the Season's Greetings. Christmas has come and gone, but the New Year is still young, so let us hope that it will be a prosperous one, and bring lots of choice DX!

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There was a combined meeting of the zone on November 10th, at the home of the cock, where a good attendance viewed a piece of equipment, brought by Devonport members, which is intended to be used as two-way radio for the local 1000 W. Fire Brigades. The equipment was well designed and was built by the Devonport members of the W.T.A. and will be put into use very shortly. It consists of a base station of about 40-50 watts crystal controlled on a specially allocated frequency with transceivers in each vehicle. It is expected to have a working range of 20 or so miles. The work is a great credit to the members who built it.

It was resolved that members should organise a high power contest, to be held in the future, having it eliminated with the assistance of the P.M.G. in order to clear the district ready for T.V. reception.

At the meeting it was noted that two of our members were in hospital, Sam TUV has been there for some time and expects to be well again early in the New Year, and Murray 6MR, who has just recently taken ill.

It is gratifying to note that two of our Associates have been O.C.s, namely, 6OC and Murray Diprose, who has the call of 750, and Roy Nichols, who had previously passed the limit of licence and is now a 750. It is a pity that no sign. Rumours have it that TWA is making extensions to his beam with a view to adding elements for 10 and maybe 20 mc.

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